City Manager's Weekly Update

CITY OF BELMONT

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Upcoming Meetings

Nov. 11th Veteran's Day Holiday (City Hall Closed, Council

Meeting Cancelled)

Nov. 12th General Plan Community Workshop – (details below)

Nov. 18th Planning Commission Meeting

Nov. 25th City Council Meeting

Executive Summary

Ralston Ave. Sewer Construction - Traffic Advisory

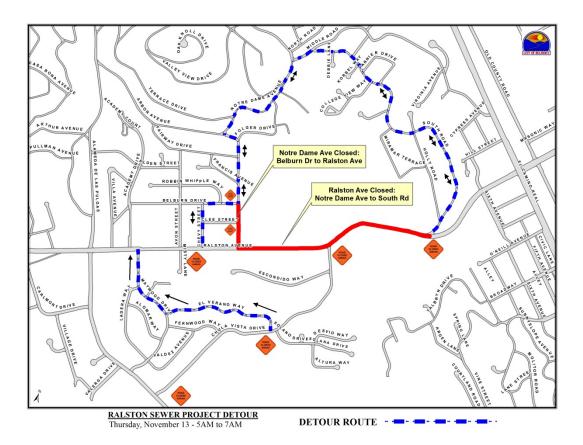
Traffic delays should be expected on Ralston Avenue due to sewer main construction on Thursday, November 13th between 5:00 am to approximately 7:00 am.

The contractor for the Ralston Avenue Sewer Main Replacement Project started work last Monday on the Ralston Avenue Sewer Main Replacement Project. Pipes and construction related equipment have been delivered to the site. The contractor will continue with potholing, pit excavation and other preparation work early next week. The project will be performed in three stages along Ralston Avenue between South Road and Notre Dame Avenue. The first stage of replacing pipe between South Road and the Notre Dame University entrance will begin next Thursday.

Ralston Avenue <u>WILL BE CLOSED INTERMITTENTLY BETWEEN 5:00 AM TO 7:00 AM ON THURSDAY MORNING</u> to allow two sections of fused 24" diameter pipes (500' and 300' long) to be moved from Notre Dame Avenue to South Road.

Police officers will be at the surrounding locations to help direct traffic, if necessary. Proper signage, barricades and flagmen will be provided by the contractor to minimize the impact to the traffic.

<u>Make sure to include additional time into your daily commute and use alternate routes if possible.</u>



RALSTON AVENUE SANITARY SEWER REPLACEMENT PROJECT

This week, the City's Contractor, Express Plumbing, began construction preparation. The contractor worked on fusing together 50 foot sections of 24" diameter pipe into larger segments. These segments of pipe will be fused together next week to create a final 800 foot long pipe. The placement of this pipe using directional boring is scheduled to begin mid next week and will happen on the north side of Ralston Avenue between South Road and the Notre Dame de Namur driveway.

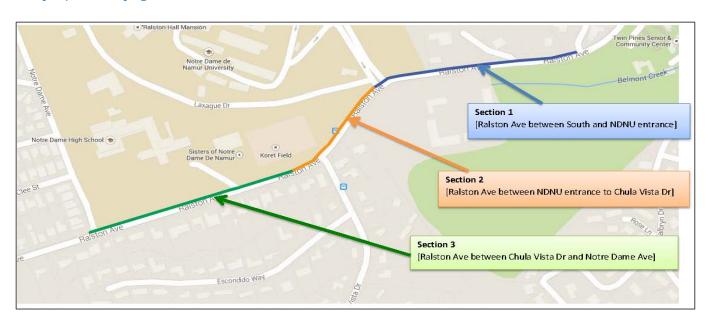
The project involves upsizing the existing 15" and 18" sewer mains to a 24" diameter pipe, reconnection of service lateral pipes, various spot repairs and manhole rehabilitation. The contractor will be using trenchless technology by using directional boring as the primary method of construction, but even with this method there needs to be a number of open trench excavations.

The work on the sewer main will be divided into three sections. The placement of the 800 foot pipe is the first of the sections to be installed.

During the course of construction, there will be heavy equipment staging along Ralston Avenue. The center lane or travel lanes will be reduced to one lane in each direction within this project location and there will be an overall impact on traffic circulation in the area. Commuters should anticipate some traffic delays during the construction hours of 9:00am to 3:00pm. Weather permitting, the project is anticipated to be complete by mid-December.

Traffic control will be in place. Two lanes on Ralston Avenue will be open at all times. However, due to magnitude of work, commuters should expect some delays.

For additional information, please contact Public Works at 650-595-7425 or visit the project webpage.





2035 General Plan Update - New Website Available

The General Plan is the City's primary guide for development, housing, transportation, environmental quality, public services, and parks and open spaces. It is a collaborative effort between the City and its residents to create a vision and a blueprint for development through 2035. Residents have the opportunity to get involved at all stages of the planning process, from the initial visioning and exploration of plan alternatives to the selection of the Preferred Plan and review of its accompanying Environmental Impact Report.

The General Plan update process is anticipated to be complete by late 2015. At that time, the City will have comprehensively updated its General Plan and prepared an accompanying Environmental Impact Report. A 2035 General Plan Website is up and running and can be found on the City's Home Page or by clicking here. Below is an initial newsletter sent to all Belmont postal customers.

HOW IS THE GENERAL PLAN USED?

The General Plan will:

- > Establish a long-range vision for Belmont and outline steps to achieve this vision;
- > Establish development policies that guide City Council and Planning Commission decision-making;
- > Provide a basis for judging whether new development projects align with Plan policies; and
- > Allow City departments, other public agencies, and private developers to design projects that enhance the character of the community.

WHAT'S INSIDE THE GENERAL PLAN?

The General Plan covers the following topics:

- SafetyImplementation

Get Involved!

A successful General Plan reflects the goals we're committed to involving residents, workers, and business owners at all stages of the update process: from initial visioning and exploration of plan alternatives to the selection of a preferred plan and review of the final document. We look forward to your thoughtful participation so that the General Plan can best serve the community's needs, starting with the upcoming community workshop on November 12th. We hope that you will attend and make a contribution!

SHARE YOUR VISION!

Become a part of the process and make your voice heard!

Attend Community Workshop #1:

- > What do you love about Belmont?
- What would you like to see change?
- > What's your vision for Belmont in 20 years?

Wednesday, November 12, 2014 - 6pm to 8pm

Location: City Hall, 2nd Floor EOC Meeting Room

http://belmont-2035generalplan.com.



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General Plan Update









The City of Belmont: Today and Tomorrow

Incorporated in 1926 in the heart of the San Francisco Peninsula, the City of Belmont is known for its wooded hills, views of the San Francisco Bay, and stretches of open space. Combined with its distinctive community character and small-town ambiance, it's easy to see what makes Belmont such a great place to live, work, and play.

Recently, we initiated an exciting, collaborative project to plan the future of our city – the General Plan Update – to ensure the continuation of Belmont's livable character for future generations. The General Plan is our primary guide for development, housing, transportation, environmental quality, and parks and open spaces. The current General Plan dates back to 1982, and new opportunities, challenges, and approaches have emerged in recent years.

What will the next 20 years hold for Belmont? How will we retain Belmont's positive qualities, set the bar high for new development and public services, and revitalize the Downtown? We now have the chance to build on Belmont's assets and create a framework for the future. Working with the community, we will create a long-term vision for Belmont and a roadmap to get there. You have the opportunity to help create the vision and principles that will guide this important process.

What is the General Plan?

The General Plan is the guide for the future social, physical, and economic development of the City. It is a long-term document consisting of written text and diagrams that expresses how a community should develop, and it is a key tool for influencing the quality of life. It specifies locations for new businesses and residences, roads, parks, and other public infrastructure. The plan is a basis for land use decision-making used by policymakers such as the Planning Commission and the City Council.

All cities and counties in California are required by law to have general plans. State law requires that a general plan contain at least seven mandated chapters, or "elements": Land Use, Circulation, Housing, Conservation, Open Space, Noise, and Safety. The City of Belmont's General Plan will also include a Belmont Village Plan for the Downtown.

The General Plan will be accompanied by an Environmental Impact Report (EIR), as required by State law. The EIR ensures that environmental opportunities and constraints are identified and incorporated into the planning process, and identifies policies that can mitigate any adverse environmental effects of other aspects of the plan. The EIR includes a public process as well, and we invite your participation and input during this stage of the planning effort.

Why is the Plan Being Updated?

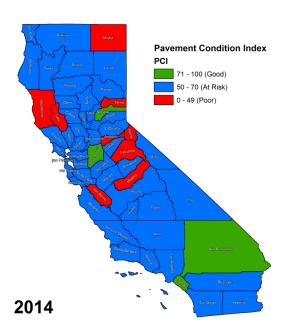
Belmont's current General Plan was adopted in 1982, and needs to be comprehensively reexamined to ensure that it reflects the city's goals and priorities for the next 20 years. Many of the objectives of the existing General Plan have been met, and new opportunities and challenges have arisen. We need a new plan to manage Belmont's future growth, revitalize Downtown, attract high quality businesses and jobs, protect natural resources, promote high quality design of buildings and public spaces, and maintain public safety and municipal services – all of which contribute to the quality of life that residents have come to expect.

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California Local Streets and Roads Update Released

The biennial California Statewide Local Streets and Roads Needs Assessment was released on Oct. 28th and the results are alarming. According new data released bv Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) Bay Area cities and counties continue to struggle to maintain their streets and roads in decent condition. The biennial survey confirms pavement conditions are declining and finds that existing funding levels are insufficient to properly fix and/or maintain streets, roads, bridges, sidewalks, storm drains and traffic signs. Deferring this crucial work, the report predicts, will likely double the cost of repairs in the future, and impedes efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and other air pollutants.



The 2014 California Statewide Local Streets & Roads Assessment for the City of Belmont shows a clear choice; we can either pay to fix and maintain our streets and roads now, or pay much more in the future to replace them. According to this report State wide more than twice the current funding level is needed just to maintain current pavement conditions, which are below standard in a majority of California counties/cities. In Belmont that need is almost four times the available funding level. When making this choice, we must also consider public safety. From the moment we step out our front door to drive to work, bike to school, or walk to the bus station, we are dependent upon local roadways. Police, fire and emergency medical services all need safe reliable roads to react quickly. Repairs to local roadways are more than just fixing potholes; they include improvements for sidewalks, stormwater control, gutters, curb ramps, traffic signs and medians, all of which make our roads safer. All Californians must work together to find ways to fund our local streets and roads, and push state and local governments to establish sustainable transportation revenues. It will make our community, and all of California, a better place to live.

MTC takes a close-up look at the challenges facing streets and roads around the region, from simple wear and tear to persistent funding pressures; and spotlights some of the ways local governments and others are working to meet these challenges. Those interested in a deeper look at the challenges facing the region's local street and road network are invited to view MTC's multimedia piece entitled "Street Fight: The Ongoing Battle for Better Bay Area Pavement."

<u>Are You Interested in Learning More About the City's Pavement Management Program?</u>

The City is responsible for the repair and maintenance of approximately 70 centerline miles (140 travel lane miles) of streets. The Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) requires the City to perform pavement condition surveys every two years as a funding requirement. These surveys are based on the Pavement Condition Index (PCI) which uses a rating system of 0-100 to give an overall indication of the pavement condition. This plan addresses the lifecycle maintenance and rehabilitation of the City street system. The purpose of this plan is to provide the City with a tool to assist in planning roadway improvements by properly matching the maintenance and rehabilitation method with the pavement condition. The Plan goal is to extend the life of the City streets and reduce lifecycle costs. The Pavement Management Plan identifies proposed street maintenance and rehabilitation options, estimated costs in year 2012 construction data, and recommended improvements program.

Based on existing revenues, on average Belmont invests approximately \$360,000 a year on pavement preservation, rehabilitation and reconstruction. This does not include other street related work such as drainage, sidewalks, retaining walls, street lights, traffic signals, signs, etc. Given the existing funding limitations, the Public Works Department has implemented best management practices in our pavement preservation program to stretch available dollars in most effective way. At present the City focuses street maintenance funds on streets that are currently in good condition. Focusing funding on streets that are in the worst condition is often times the least cost effective option. Prioritizing and maintaining the City's best streets extends the lifecycle of the street and reduces deterioration to a condition that requires much more costly rehabilitation. This helps ensure the system as a whole is in the best possible condition and that maintenance funds are being maximized. Additional best management practices involve the following elements:

- 1. Increasing the amount of crack sealing performed on a yearly basis. Water intrusion is a major destructive element to pavements. Crack sealing is a relatively inexpensive treatment that prevents water from further damaging streets. Filling or sealing pavement cracks can extend the life of a pavement by 3 to 5 years at a minimum. For this reason, Public Works crews have dedicated approximately 20% of their time to crack sealing activities.
- 2. Targeting maintenance of streets in the "At-Risk" condition. In addition to keeping streets in good condition from deteriorating, attention will be given, to the extent possible, to prevent streets from sub-base failure which can significantly increase the cost of repairs.
- 3. Where applicable exploring alternative, lower cost treatments for pavements in "Poor" condition. The city has been treating streets in "Poor" condition by grinding and applying thick overlays treatments which can cost upwards of \$29.50/sq. yd. One treatment that was used last summer was pavement patching with a rubberized chip and slurry seal at an estimated cost between \$6.50-\$10.00 sq. yd. Staff will monitor the treatment over the next several years to compare its life extension value against traditional higher cost treatments.

4. Coordinating non pavement street improvements to minimize impacts to pavement. This will entail developing a 5 year list of street candidates for treatment in order to better coordinate work with other city efforts and external utility agencies.

To learn more about the City's pavement management program you can visit our website at http://www.belmont.gov/city-hall/public-works/infrastructure/streets-and-roads







Sewer Division

- Inspected and cleaned 11 sewer pump stations
- The service truck (205) responded to 14 service calls
- Jetted (cleaned) 3,076 feet of sewer main
- Videoed 1,143ft of sewer main
- Inspected 5 sewer manholes
- Videoed 3 new 6x4 Y connections lateral tie-ins to city main
- Cleaned flushable wipes from debris catcher in Ralston Ranch Pump Station (Shown below)



Ralston Ranch Debris Catcher Before



Ralston Ranch Debris Catcher After

• Repaired 15" section of broken sewer pipe (Shown below)



Before Sewer Repair



After Sewer Repair

• Pulled cleaned and inspected both pumps at Motel 6 Pump station (Shown below)



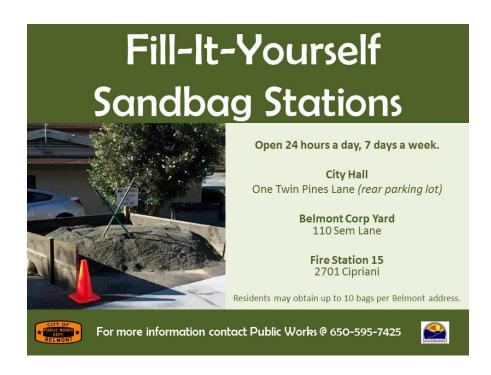


Motel 6 Pump #2- Debris Stuck on top of Pump

Motel 6 debris caught in pump Impeller

Storm Division

- Swept 84 miles of roadway resulting in the acquisition of 12.75 tons of debris
- Performed weekly inspection of Water Dog Lake dam, dock, roadway, and v-ditch
- Inspected and cleaned 2 Storm Pump Stations
- Cleaned 17 storm drain inlets
- Opened the gates in Water Dog Lake in preparation for the rainy season
- Took monthly pezometer readings at Water Dog Lake
- Performed Wet Weather Storm Pump Station Analysis that takes place following a rain event which nets at least ¼ inch of rain



Traffic Operations

- Weekly visual inspections for preventative maintenance of intersections
- Visual inspection of lighted crosswalks
- Fabricated 31 signs
- Assisted Streets Division paving 7 tons
- Banners: 3 down & 3 up
- Marked out 1 locations for Underground Service Alerts
- Delivered 14 barricades in two locations
- Repaired 4 streetlights
- Supported contractor engaged in thermoplastic striping project by placing "No Parking" barricades throughout the project and removing them when no longer needed.
- Removed graffiti in two locations
- Performed annual maintenance on 7 automatic transfer switches for backup generators

Street Division

- Marked out 29 locations for Underground Service Alerts
- Saw cut at 3 location in preparation for paving
- Dug out 10.79 tons of asphalt in front of 1600 Robin Whipple
- Applied 11.92 tons of asphalt in front of 1600 Robin Whipple
- Dug out 1.14 tons of asphalt in front of 1742 Terrace Drive
- Applied 1.2 tons of asphalt in front of 1742 Terrace Drive
- Filled numerous pot holes on Francis Avenue and Shoreway Road
- Dug out 3 tons of aligated asphalt IFO 2100 Ralston Ave and put down 3 tons of hot AC in 2 lifts
- Set up the 2 sandbag filling stations for residents



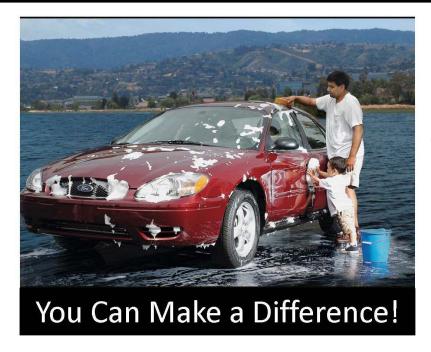
Save water, take your car to a carwash that recycles water.

Need a car wash discount coupon to spiff up your ride for those holiday events? We have free discount carwash coupons that are good through the end of 2014. To obtain your coupon, contact Pworks@belmont.gov, or call 650-595-7425.

Keep Car Wash Pollution Out of the Stormdrain

Wash cars on gravel or grass to allow soil to filter pollutants.





Take your car to a local car wash where the water is treated and recycled.





San Mateo County proposing new food safety sign system

A new food safety sign system is proposed to begin January 2016. Using familiar traffic light colors, green, yellow and red signs, called placards, will be displayed as a simple way for the public to see how a restaurant has scored on their food safety inspection.

San Mateo County Environmental Health Services is here to help make the transition to the proposed placards system easy. First, they want your feedback! Please attend one of the following information

sessions to learn more about the proposed changes and provide feedback

11/17/14 | 2:00 – 3:00 pm
East Palo Alto City Hall
Community Room
2415 University Avenue
East Palo Alto

11/18/14 | 8:30 – 9:30 am
San Mateo County Health System
Room 100
225 37th Avenue
San Mateo



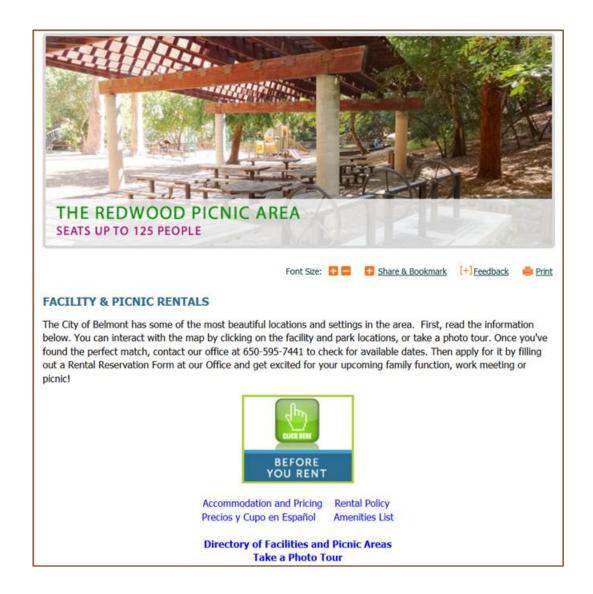
Parks and Recreation



"Before You Rent: Things You Should Know"

We are pleased introduce a new resource for the public to access when thinking about renting a facility or picnic area from in Belmont. This newly compiled document titled "Before You Rent: Things You Should Know", contains answers to the questions that people ask most often

You can find the document at www.belmont.gov/beforeyourent.



Community Calendars

Twin Pines Community Center

Twin Pines Senior & Community Center ~ November 2014 ~				Center Open Monday -
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday Thursday Friday	Friday
1:00 2:00 2:00	Bread Program Simmons Aerobics Italian Chat Spanish Chat Book Group French Chat Sit N' Be Fit Video	9:00 Mindful Meditation 9:30 Walking Group 9:30 Gentle Tai Chi (S) 10:00 Music Appreciation 11:30 Lunch Program (S) 12:00 Canasta 12:15 Classic Movie 12:30 Needlecrafts Group	5 8:45 Strength Training 6 7 9:30 Bread Program 9:00 Garden Club 9:30 Yoga w/ Adriana 9:30 Simmons Aerobics 9:30 Walking Group 11:00 Mandarin 10:00 Spanish Class 9:30 Canasta Conversation 10:30 Zumba Gold (R) 11:30 Lunch Program (S) 1:00 Go 4 Life Fitness Video 11:30 German Class 12:15 Wii Bowling 1:00 BINGO 11:30 Lunch Program (S) 12:30 Bridge 1:30 Mahjong 12:15 New Movie 1:00 Art Group. Drop in! History Group	8:30am - 4pm *Some activities are drop-in, some require Signing up (S), some require Registration with Parks &
9:30	Bread Program Simmons Aerobics Ukulele Sing Along Italian Chat Spanish Chat French Chat Sit N' Be Fit Video	Closed for Veterans Day	12 8:45 Strength Training 13 14 9:30 Bread Program 9:30 Walking Group 9:00 AARP Smart Driver Course 9:30 Simmons Aerobics 9:30 Canasta 9:30 Yoga w Adriana 10:00 Spanish Class 11:30 Birthday Lunch (S) 10:00 Easy Craft Class 11:30 German Class 12:15 Wii Bowling 11:00 Mandarin 11:30 Lunch Program (S) 1:00 Art Group. Drop in! 1:00 Go 4 Life Fitness Video 12:15 New Movie 2:00 History Group 1:30 Ping Pong!	*Activities are subject to change. Please call 595- 7444 to confirm.
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Belmont Public Library

